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### **Yee Hong service changes due to global COVID-19 pandemic**

SCARBOROUGH – In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, several changes to Yee Hong programs for seniors living in the community were announced today:

- Active Seniors Programs are suspended as of Saturday, March 14
- Yee Hong Volunteer Recognition Day scheduled April 4 is postponed
- National Volunteer Week events in April will be rescheduled

Future consideration for other changes is possible for transportation, home support services and meals-on-wheels as we respond to changing local conditions with our service partners.

Our pandemic plan for seniors who live in our long-term care facilities (Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care) is current and we train our staff year-round to be ready. Proactive measures began in the fall, and in January of this year we initiated staff and volunteer self-screening prior to coming to work, screening of visitors at the entrances, delayed staff vacations and paid quarantine for staff returning from affected areas, and increased environmental cleaning.

Yee Hong is prepared for the global pandemic. As the situation continues to evolve, so will our response. The safety of our seniors, their families, our staff, and volunteers is our top priority. Please consult <https://www.yeehong.com> for schedule changes and updates.

For additional information on COVID-19 and travel advisories, you can visit [www.canada.ca/covid19](http://www.canada.ca/covid19) and [www.publichealth.gc.ca](http://www.publichealth.gc.ca).



Active screening measures are taking place at all four Yee Hong long-term care centres in Scarborough, Markham and Mississauga

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